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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA/NICARAGUA/MEXICO/CUBA

SUBJECT: PLANS FOR RENEWED ACTIVITIES OF THE ~~MONTONEROS~~, AN  
ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION, IN ARGENTINA AND  
ABROAD

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SUMMARY:

THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE  
ORGANIZATION, PLAN TO RENEW ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA, NICARAGUA, AND  
MEXICO. MONTONERO BROADCAST  
AND A PAMPHLET, DISTRIBUTED RECENTLY  
IN ARGENTINA AND ATTRIBUTED TO THE MONTONEROS, CALLED FOR UNIFIED

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ACTION AGAINST THE ARGENTINE "MILITARY DICTATORSHIP". END  
SUMMARY.

1.

THE MONTONERO

PERONIST MOVEMENT, AN ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT, THAT THE  
MONTONEROS PLAN TO INCREASE THEIR ACTIVITIES BOTH INSIDE  
ARGENTINA AND ABROAD. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION, MARIO  
F I R M E N I C H, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MONTONEROS, ISSUED  
INSTRUCTIONS IN MARCH THAT MONTONEROS IN EUROPE SHOULD TRAVEL TO  
CUBA, MEXICO, AND NICARAGUA IN ORDER TO "CONTRIBUTE TO REVOLUTIONARY  
ACTIVITIES" IN CENTRAL AMERICA. FIRMENICH EMPHASIZED THAT THOSE  
MONTONEROS WHO WENT TO CUBA WOULD ONLY REMAIN THERE A SHORT TIME,  
BEFORE MOVING ON TO OTHER AREAS; HE ALSO ASSURED THOSE MONTONEROS  
ALREADY ASSIGNED TO CUBA THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE "OUT OF ACTION"  
FOR LONG PERIODS OF ISOLATION IN CUBA.

2. IN REGARD TO MONTONERO ACTIVITIES INSIDE ARGENTINA

AS MANY AS 10

MONTONEROS RETURNED TO ARGENTINA BETWEEN MID-FEBRUARY AND MID-

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3. ON 5 APRIL, RADIO MONITORS [REDACTED] INTERCEPTED A MONTONERO BROADCAST FROM A PIRATE TRANSMITTER THAT CALLED ITSELF "RADIO LIBERATION". THE TRANSMISSION LASTED SIX TO EIGHT MINUTES AND WAS MOST CLEARLY HEARD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BUENOS AIRES IN THE AREAS OF QUILMES, LA PLATA, AND BERAZATEGUI, WHICH ARE HEAVILY POPULATED BY WORKING CLASS FAMILIES. THE BROADCAST OPENED AND CLOSED WITH THE PERONIST MARCH, AND IT INCLUDED SEVERE CRITICISM OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND ITS ECONOMIC POLICIES. THE BROADCAST WAS CLEARLY HEARD IN AN AREA WITH A RADIUS OF FIVE TO NINE KILOMETERS. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: INACTIVE MONTONEROS HAVE OFTEN BECOME  
DISAFFECTED OR DRIFTED AWAY FROM THE MOVEMENT WHILE IN EXILE.  
THE PARTICIPATION OF MONTONERO MEMBERS IN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES  
IN CENTRAL AMERICA SHOULD HEIGHTEN THEIR STATE OF READINESS AND  
COMMITMENT TO THE MOVEMENT. IN ADDITION, MONTONERO PARTICIPATION  
IN ACTIVITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA WOULD GIVE THE MONTONEROS A  
CLAIM ON FOREIGN COOPERATION FOR A CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA  
FOLLOWING A REVOLUTIONARY VICTORY IN CENTRAL AMERICA.)

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THE SAVORITI NEWS SERVICE WAS FOUNDED IN 1900 BY LEANDRO

SAVORITI, WHO RAN IT UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1970. HIS WIDOW THEN SOLD

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THE FIRM TO A CORPORATION

3. AS OF MAY 1980 THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE LISTED AS  
CORRESPONDENTS OF THE SAPORITI NEWS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES:

A. ~~MARIA RITA BRAMANTI DE RODRIGUEZ~~. ADDRESS (PRESUMABLY  
OFFICE): HOTEL NEW YORKER, 8TH AVE. AND 24TH ST., NEW YORK CITY.

BRAMANTI IS THE WIFE OF ~~ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ CARMONA~~, EDITOR OF  
"~~NOTICIAS DEL MUNDO~~" (NEWS OF THE WORLD), A LATIN AMERICAN NEWS  
CHAIN REPORTEDLY ORGANIZED BY A SOUTH KOREAN COLONEL BO HI PAK.  
"NOTICIAS DEL MUNDO" IS BASED IN NEW YORK CITY.

B. ~~ALEJANDRO RODRIGO~~. ADDRESS: BETHESDA, MARYLAND,  
TELEPHONE (301) 530-6811. RODRIGO IS ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RODRIGO; FROM ROBERT W. BOTELER.

1. SUBJECT: RODRIGO, ALEJANDRO

DPOB: 11 NOVEMBER 1956, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

CIT: ARGENTINA

OCC: NEWS CORRESPONDENT (U)

2. [REDACTED] ALEJANDRO RODRIGO MAY HAVE

TIES WITH THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, BASED ON HIS

AFFILIATION WITH THE SAPORITI NEWS AGENCY. [REDACTED]

SAPORITI NEWS AGENCY IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE ARGENTINE STATE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. (S)

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